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SUBJ: TURKISH FERTILIZER SITUATION

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1. TURKISH NITROGEN AND PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER FACTORIES ARE PRODUCING AT ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF CAPACITY. THE BASIS RESTRAINT IS THE LACK OF A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS WITH AMONNIA THE MOST CRUCIAL. SHOULD THE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY PROBLEM BE SOLVED, THE PRINCIPAL REMAINING CONSTRAINT WOULD BE IN THE AREA OF MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION. THIS DIFFICULTY IS ENDEMIC TO A WHOLE RANGE OF STATE ECONOMIC ENTERPRIZES AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. WITH SUBSTANTIAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY JUST IN THE PROCESS OF COMING ON STREAM, DIFFICULTIES ARE INEVITABLE. EVEN SO, THE ONLY TECHNICAL PROBLEM IDENTIFIED BY A RECENT UNIDO SURVEY WHICH COULD BE ADDRESSED BY SHORT-TERM CONSULTANTS AND RESULT IN NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENT IN UTILIZATION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY WAS IN MAINTENANCE. EVEN HERE THE RESPONSE WOULD BE LIMITED BY MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

2. LARGE EXISTING STOCKS, REPORTEDLY FROM FERTILIZER IMPORT CONTRACTS FOR 1974 AND 1975 AND NEW PRODUCTION CAPACITY COMING ON STREAM PLACES TURKEY IN A RELATIVELY SECURE SHORT-TERM

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FERTILIZER POSITION. SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH IN FERTILIZER USE CAN

CONTINUE IF RPT IF IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS ARE SECURED.

3. THE OECD AND UNIDO ARE THE BEST FORUMS IN WHICH TO PUT FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION AND TACTICS TO THE GOT. EXPERIENCE TO-DATE STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION UNLIKELY DURING NEXT 2-3 YEARS. IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO FOCUS TURKISH ATTENTION ON MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION CONSTRAINTS UNTIL THE PROBLEM OF IMPORTED RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES IS OVERCOME.

4. LOOKING BEYOND TWO OR THREE YEARS, THE GOT IS RE-EVALUATING THE DECISION TAKEN 8 TO 10 YEARS AGO CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF DOMESTIC VS. IMPORTED RAW MATERIALS. IN THE CASE OF PHOSPHATES, TURKEY MIGHT WITHIN 3 YEARS BE ABLE TO SHIFT TO AN IN-COUNTRY DEPOSIT WHICH IN 1965 WAS JUDGED QUOTE ECONOMICALLY AND TECHNICALLY INFEASIBLE END QUOTE. HOWEVER, NITROGEN SELF-SUFFICIENCY WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE TO BE BASED ON COAL WHICH IN TURN WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON MOVING THE ELBISTAN PROJECT FORWARD.
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